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## Evaluation polls are beneficial to faculty

by Don Dodson

Each quarter Rose students are given the opportunity to evaluate their courses and professors.

Duane Bruley, who as Dean of Faculty is responsible for considering the responses, sees student evaluation as "a positive force in improving teacher performance."

The poll, he says, though time-consuming, is basically beneficial to the faculty.

Actually, not one, but two polls have been recommended for use. Besides the familiar administrative poll distributed each quarter, a second questionnaire prepared by each professor for his own use is encouraged.

Only the administrative poll is handled through Bruley's office.

When the completed forms are returned to the dean, President Hulbert has the option of studying the poll results. After Bruley reads the responses, the questionnaires are then forwarded to the division chairmen.

When the division chairmen have finished with them, they are sent to the specific faculty members early in the following quarter. (Evaluations for the fall quarter have already been returned).

Instructors need not wait for the questionnaires to complete the intended cycle before seeing them. A faculty member wishing to read his set of questionnaires can read them as soon as the polls reach Bruley.

This route of dean-division chairman-professor has been the

traditional method of evaluation at Rose, and Bruley doesn't anticipate any major changes in flow in the near future.

Last spring's evaluation process was an exception to the rule. The administration chose not to review polls, but encourage the faculty members to conduct their own evaluations.

The dean says that in reading evaluations, he scouts for problem trends. If questionnaire feedback indicates such a trend in a professor's performance over the span of a couple quarters and courses, the division chairman will discuss the matter with that professor.

Bruley points out that student evaluation is one of several factors in determining tenure and promotion. Evaluations of untenured faculty members are

usually the first to be read.

He also notes that although "most students answer in a mature, professional way," students are not always correct in their criticism.

Those that write savage critiques of professors probably indicate that the problem lies within themselves, rather than the professors, he says.

Bruley likes student input and says he has found such evaluations "very valuable" in his former positions at Clemson and Tulane.

He is pleased with the Rose questionnaires and feels that they are comprehensive.

"You can really get a flavor (of what is going on) from the questions," he says. He also notes that many students fill the entire page with comments.

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## Modulus to be published

by Don Dodson

If all goes as planned, the 1978-79 edition of the **Modulus** may make its appearance before the 1979-80 school year has ended.

According to advisor W. Kent Harris, the "creative" portion of the Rose yearbook has been completed. Now the work must be compiled to be sent to the publisher. Printing is expected to take about five weeks.

The 1978-79 edition will be similar to past yearbooks, running about 200 pages in length. It will be printed by Walsworth Publishing Co., a Missouri firm.

"Late yearbooks have been around as long as Rose," Harris said, acknowledging the time-honored tradition. "Some of the finest classes to graduate from Rose didn't have a yearbook."

Tardiness is not unique to Rose. In one extreme example, Harris cited a year in which the yearbook was at least 18 months overdue. But when it finally returned from the printer, Rose had gotten its yearbook out one week before Wabash College!

Working against a deadline isn't the only pressure the **Modulus** faces. Other difficulties include being understaffed, adhering to a limited budget, and production problems.

The 1979 staff was headed by L. D. Wellman, editor. Six to ten students handled the responsibility of turning out the yearbook.

Why such a small staff? Harris explained that many students who were on their high school yearbook staff left with "a bad taste in their mouths," because

only a handful of workers did the bulk of the duties. Plus, he added, when they arrived at Rose, they discovered that studying demanded a greater share of their time; they were less willing to immerse themselves in extracurricular activities.

Those that did choose to work on the yearbook reaped benefits. The experience made them "better communicators and managers of people," Harris said.

The advisor looks forward to the day of the ideal staff when seniors will sit back and enjoy their final year on campus, devoting minimal efforts to the **Modulus**.

When that day comes, juniors will assume managerial duties, sophomores will be responsible for section co-ordination, and freshmen will organize class pictures.

Finance is still a worry, but not as much as it once was. Until about 10 years ago, orders for yearbooks were taken in the hall. About 30 percent of the Rose student body, mostly seniors, purchased the book. This meant approximately 300 books were printed.

But under the Logan administration, class dues were instituted to pay for the yearbooks. Over 1000 copies have been printed each year since then.

Today's class dues of \$10.50 cover the printing of each book. However, mailing costs can become ridiculous, considering that each of the graduates must be sent the book. Expenses

increase when the **Modulus** is published so late that the books must be mailed not only to the year's seniors but also to the juniors who have since graduated.

Advertising does underwrite some of the costs, but few students have concentrated their effort to that department, although they could receive a commission for each ad they sell.

At this time, the **Modulus** is "in the black," but Harris says that if a truly creative and comprehensive yearbook ran over budget, Rose would find a way to finance it.

Production problems can also bog down the yearbook. One such problem is turning out the student body for class pictures. Although the senior and freshman response was good this year, a substantial number of juniors and sophomores didn't show.

Also confronting the staff is the challenge of recording each event of the school year immediately after it happens. "You can recall things that happened a month ago, but remembering becomes increasingly difficult as each month passes," Harris commented.

As a "chronicle of the years at Rose from the student's point of view," the **Modulus** can benefit everyone at Rose, Harris said. It can identify familiar faces after the years have gone by. It also is helpful in compiling histories of the school. Harris observed that past editions of the **Modulus** had aided John Bloxome in his writing of **Rose: The First Hundred Years**.

Harris concludes that when a student graduates from Rose, he should leave with these things: "a good education and four yearbooks that bridge those years."

Wayne; and Blair Hughes, Baumholder, West Germany.

James Huston, Indianapolis; L. Scott Lindner, Cincinnati, Ohio; Gary Meier, Twin Falls, Idaho; Robert W. Pease, Terre Haute; Dennis Pepper, Princeton; Todd Royer, Louisville, Ky.; Brock Rule, Kansas City, Mo.; and Arthur Schultz, North East, Pa. were also selected.

Rounding out the list are Charles Sigman, Jackson, Miss.; Michael Tucker, Radcliff, Ky.; Donald J. Umpleby III, Hammond; Robert W. Walker, Griffin, Ga.; and Paul S. Wallace, Kent, Wash.

These students join a group of students selected from more than 1,200 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

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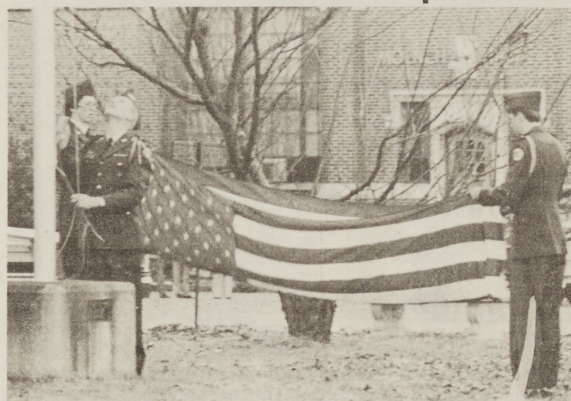
## Twenty-six Rose students named to "Who's Who"

Twenty-six students from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology have been named to the 1979-80 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The students were selected from the school enrollment of 1,225 on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for future success.

Students included in the edition are: Stephen Anderson, Olathe, Colo.; Kevin A. Barrer, Battle Creek, Mich.; David Boodt, Indianapolis; Dwight Dively, Spokane, Wash.; and Roe East, Bedford.

Also included are Gerald Fish, New Whiteland; Robert C. Froetscher, Florham Park, N.J.; Andrew Gavriolos, Hammond; Kevin Giles, Tabb, Va.; Daniel Haas, Cincinnati, Ohio; Gregory L. Hemmer, Ft. Wayne; Scott Hueber, Ft.



The Rose-Hulman ROTC Department honored those killed at Pearl Harbor in a ceremony on December 7. The flag was lowered at the end of the day, completing the brief ceremonies. Student onlookers also demonstrated against the Iranian takeover of the American Embassy in Tehran during the Pearl Harbor ceremony. Many were seen carrying signs that read "Nuke the Iranians." In conjunction with the Pearl Harbor ceremony, the flag remained at half-mast for a week in honor of Dr. Fred M. Crapo. Crapo died in a traffic accident in Muncie on December 3.

## Mail policy repeated

by Barry Eppler

Several Rose students were unpleasantly surprised when they returned from Thanksgiving break and found that their hometown newspapers and periodicals had not been delivered.

The students did not receive theirs for a very good reason: no one did. According to Bettie Evinger, Office Services Manager, it has been mail room policy to destroy the daily papers during break because they constitute a fire hazard.

However, Mrs. Evinger indicated that students who remain on campus during break may make special arrangements to pick up their mail.

There are relatively few mailroom policies which affect

students directly. One of these is that only first class mail is forwarded during summer break, after withdrawal, or after graduation.

Students wishing to receive periodicals or bulk-rate mail should notify their correspondents several weeks before their planned change of address.

Second, in order to have their mail properly forwarded, students must complete a change of address card and return it to the mail room.

Perhaps the most common mail room problem is delivery of this year's mail to last year's address. Box numbers do change yearly, so students should notify their correspondents of their new address when they receive their fall semester invoices.

## January conference honors Moench

by Bill Chappell

The year 1980 will represent a milestone in Rose history. It will mark the fiftieth consecutive that Doctor Herman Moench has served as a member of the Rose faculty.

To celebrate this outstanding record, Rose has planned a number of activities throughout the year to honor Moench. The first event will be the Herman Moench Teachers Conference, which will be held on Friday, January 11, and Saturday, January 12.

The conference is a two-day symposium on the subject of the future of engineering education. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Thomas L. Martin, president of

the Illinois Institute of Technology. His speech will be on the past, present, and future of engineering education.

There will be two panel discussions, one on Friday afternoon and one on Saturday morning. These panels will be made up of representatives of industry, large and small, and education. The Friday panel, for instance, will contain David Cockrum, retired vice-president of General Electric, and Dr. Arthur Thom, professor of engineering at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

The conference will be attended by teachers and members of various engineering societies

from throughout the Midwest. Rose students are encouraged to attend, and the panels will be open to questions from the audience.

The panels will discuss the role of engineering education in the future, and the role of engineering in the future.

Moench graduated from Rose in 1929 and has served the Institute ever since. He has been an instructor, a professor, acting president, and is now Senior Vice-President and Josephus Collett Distinguished Professor of Engineering.

He took his Master's at Michigan in 1935, and was awarded a Doctorate of Engineering by Rose in 1971.





It's Christmas time again as can be seen by the traditional display of outdoor Christmas lights. Above, the Templeton Administration Building exhibits its light show. Also shining on the Rose campus are lights around the Lucas' home and the newly installed lights illuminating the front of Moench Hall. The city of Terre Haute also has its share of multi-color, blinking lights. The city hall (right) is a prominent example. You'd think that our energy crisis would teach someone that energy is something that shouldn't be wasted on luxuries like decorative outdoor lights.



Members of the A/R/A food service management at Rose-Hulman: (from left to right) Bob Felice, Director of Food Service; Charles Martin, Food Production Manager; Carolyn Waller, Director of Catering. Not pictured is Mike Johnson who is in charge of inventory. (Photo by Pete Soller).

## Debaters place third at novice tournament

Rose-Hulman's Junior Varsity Debate Team, following in the footsteps of their senior counterparts, finished third in a novice tournament at Northern Kentucky University last weekend.

Rose's number one unit of freshmen Jeff Ford, Madison, South Dakota, and Alan Yarcusko, Cleveland, Ohio, compiled a 5-1 record in preliminary rounds, beating teams from Alabama State, Tennessee, Western Kentucky, and Jackson State. They lost their semifinal round and ended up with the third place trophy.

A second team of John Kennedy, Washington, Pennsylvania, and David Slavin, Glendale, California, both

freshmen with no previous debate experience, compiled a 2-4 record in the preliminaries.

The third place finish brings the team's season totals to two firsts, a second, two thirds, and two fifths out of six tournaments.

The varsity team is planning a trip to either Murray State in Kentucky or Wooster College in Ohio during January, and a subsequent trip to the Owen-Coon Memorial Tournament at Northwestern University in February.

The next meet for the junior varsity squads will probably be at DePauw in early February. Both teams hope for invitations to national meets in March.

## A/R/A managers have tough jobs

by Dale Arand  
and Rod Braun

It is common knowledge that this year the food program here at Rose is under the direction of A/R/A. Much has been written about A/R/A in its first few months here, but little has been said about the people behind this operation.

Bob Felice is the Director of Food Service. He has the difficult task of seeing that everything runs smoothly. His major responsibilities include food production, the payment of bills, and the management of the labor force.

Mr. Felice previously worked at the University of Evansville and for a pizza company in Michigan. He was also employed by an ice cream firm as a training coordinator for four years.

Felice has been married for eight years and has two children. His hobbies include music, football, skiing, racquetball, and reading.

As the food production

manager, Charles Martin's primary concern is to keep food out on the line. He tastes all of the food for quality. He is also in charge of its purchase.

Mr. Martin has worked for A/R/A for eight years. He is single. His hobbies include basketball, bowling, and beautiful women.

Carolyn Waller is the director of catering. She has the unenviable task of arranging any banquets here at Rose. She is currently occupied with the "Meal Ticket Game" in the WORX snack bar.

Miss Waller has been with A/R/A for a year now. She is single and enjoys music and all outdoor sports.

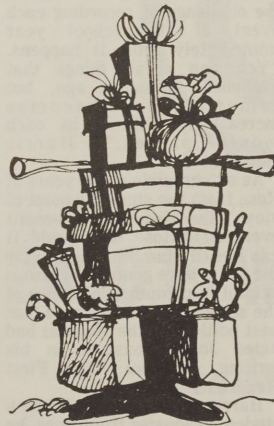
Mike Johnson assists the others in their duties. Of course he has other responsibilities. He

is in charge of the receiving and storage of the incoming products.

Mr. Johnson has been with A/R/A since November. Previously he was a mess sergeant for four years in the service. He is now engaged to be married. Among his interests are singing, basketball, tennis, and swimming.

All four view their work here at Rose as a great challenge. They are constantly running to keep up with the demands placed upon them by the students.

The job is made even tougher because of the numerous banquets for which they are responsible. It should be realized by all that their jobs are difficult. They realize it, and they are ready to meet the challenges.



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# Round ballers drop two games

by Paul Curtin

The crippled Rose basketball squad dropped two games last week to lower its record to 4-3.

The team first lost Dave Strange to a knee injury, and then suffered a crushing blow when forward Ron Dale was suspended from the team by Coach Mutchner after a difference of opinions in practice. With Jim Baske out with an ankle injury, the team is missing its three leading scorers from last year.

Last Wednesday the team dropped an 82-69 decision to DePauw. The Engineers held

their own in the first half due to some poor shooting by DePauw, but the Tigers got hot in the second half to blow the game open.

Rose suffered from a lack of height on the forward line after several players got into foul trouble, and shot only .400 from the floor. At one point the Engineers were playing four guards.

Czarnecki, Oehlman, Wagner, and Sudlow scored in double figures for Rose, while Wagner led the team in rebounding with his usual 13.

The team took a tough loss last

Saturday to Kenyon in overtime by 68-66. The team had a much better shooting game, led by Oehlman nine of 15 from the floor. Rose really lost the game at the free throw line, hitting on only eight of 19 chances.

Givan played a solid game directing the offense while scoring 13 points. Wagner again grabbed 13 rebounds, and Sudlow tallied ten points.

Rose played in its own Christmas tournament this week, and left Thursday for its annual trip, this time to Europe. The team will return on Jan. 1.

## Wrestlers open 1979-80 season

by Paul Curtin

The Rose wrestling team has begun its third season, and so far the outlook is good. The team has better balance this year, and returns six starters from last year's team that posted a 4-10 mark.

Coach Dan McGrath has the team wrestling a different schedule than last year. The grapplers are entered in several large tournaments in addition to the regular dual meets. He also says, "It looks like if we can keep anybody from being injured we should have a little bit better of a record than last year."

The team has wrestled three times so far. Their first meet was the Little State. Several Engineers did very well for themselves, but no team scores were kept.

Next the team traveled to Hanover, and picked up a split in double dual wrestling with a 30-21 win over Hanover and a 34-12 loss to Wright State. In their first home meet Rose took on Division II opponent Evansville, and came away with a 39-10 loss.

Several wrestlers are headed for a good season. 1978 MVP Dana Craig has a 5-3 record so far, and took the only win any

Rose wrestler had against Evansville. He wrestles at 158.

At 134, John Fruth has logged an impressive 6-2 mark. Mark Hackney is the only three-year starter, and wrestles at 142. In the higher weight classes Mark Burdsall has done the best job thus far with a 6-2 record.

The remaining starters include Bob Heathcock at 126, Terry Aff at 150, Steve Roberson at 167, and heavyweight Bob Riefendeg. After Christmas the team will wrestle eight more times, with the only home meet against Hanover on Jan. 16.

## Rifle team shoots at Anderson

by Gary Meier

The Rose-Hulman Varsity Rifle Team traveled to Anderson, Indiana on Dec. 9 for a small-bore rifle tournament at the Anderson Rifle and Pistol Club.

The match was held in two segments; a half course of fire (2 targets in each position) under National Rifle Association Rules, and a half course under the more difficult International-style rules. The match was not fired as a team event but rather each shooter competed individually within his classification bracket. The National Rifle Association places each shooter into one of four competitor classifications based upon the shooters' performance in previous matches.

Rose freshman, Kevin Hansen, shooting in his first non-collegiate match, was assigned

to the Unclassified Master bracket. He fired the NRA half-course only, turning in a 491 score. This included an excellent 98/97 prone series.

Mike Rasmussen fired a 1070 in the Marksman class. His 531 NRA score placed him 3rd out of the 23 competitors in the Marksman class, while his 539 International score placed him second in that category. He also finished third overall in the junior division.

Dave Kolacz fired a 1046 in the Sharpshooter class. His NRA score was 526, while the International target set scored 520. Dave had the high prone average for the Rose team—a 96.75 for the four targets.

Jim Gryga, also in the Sharpshooter Class, fired a 1085. His NRA half course of 540 placed him third among the 12 sharpshooters present. His 545 International score placed him

second in his class. Jim had the high standing average for the team at 85.25.

Gary Meier, firing in the Expert class, turned in a 1086. His 543 NRA score placed him second among the four Experts at the match, while an identical 543 gave him first place in the International match. Gary's kneeling average of 93.25 was high for the Rose team.

One significant aspect of the tournament was the team's decision to fire both halves of the match under International rules, even though the more advantageous NRA rules were allowable for the first half. This no doubt resulted in a few sacrificed points, but it is expected that the additional experience gained will be valuable as the team makes its bid at the National Collegiate Rifle Championships, coming up in February.

## Lambda Chi Alpha teams lead in chase for All-Sports Trophy

by Randy Braker

Lambda Chi Alpha is currently leading the race for the All-Sports Award with 154 points.

Each year the All-Sports Award is given to the group which amasses the most points through intramural sports. Just behind Lambda Chi is Fiji with 134 points.

The rest of the field includes

ATO at 114, Independent and Off-campus students 92, Speed 87, Sigma Nu 83, the Apartments 76, Deming and Mees 57, Blumberg and Sharpenberg 48, Theta Xi 20, and Triangle 16. These standings are for the fall quarter.

Coming up in the winter quarter will be the chance for many points. Bowling, volleyball, and basketball all have major and minor leagues.

Currently leading major basketball are Independents No. 2, Independents No. 8, and ATO with 2-0 records.

Double "A" basketball has four teams tied for the lead with 2-0 records. They are Lambda Chi, ATO, Speed No. 11, and BSB No. 11. The six minor leagues have only played one or two games and there are many teams with undefeated records.

More basketball stats will be in the Thorn after Christmas. Bowling and volleyball will also be included. The THORN will publish weekly league standings and game highlights.

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# EDITORIAL

"All through the year we've waited  
Waited through spring and fall  
To hear silver bells ringing  
See winter time bringing  
The happiest season of all."

Christmas. The very word seems to cheer us up a little, seems to hold out the promise of happier times. Of all the holidays, it is the one that truly means the most.

To some, the true meaning of Christmas is religious, honoring the birth of Jesus nearly two thousand years ago. To others, Christmas is a time for family gatherings and camaraderie. To the young, the holiday means Santa Claus, Rudolph, and a new electronic football game. To the old, Yuletide is a time for reflection and the rekindling of fond memories of sleighrides and snow. To all, Christmas means peace and joy.

A cynic would claim that there is precious little to be happy about this Christmas season. Fifty Americans have been held captive for almost two months by a crazed mob of Iranians, the economy is headed down again, virtually the entire population of Cambodia has been slaughtered by rival political factions, and the world continues to experience scarcities of precious fuels. Our cynic would say that only a fool could be happy in the midst of such turmoil.

We need only to think back, however, recalling past Christmases, to realize how fortunate we truly are. That first Christmas, so long ago, took place in a land oppressed by Roman conquerors, who despised the culture and religious beliefs of the inhabitants. Christmas of 1777 found George Washington's tattered revolutionary army slowly freezing to death at Valley Forge. In December of 1941, Americans found themselves losing battle after battle in a war they did not want. We are not the first ones to have problems at Christmastime.

Despite all their troubles, our ancestors always managed to pull through. For the true meaning of Christmas — the reason for the joy amidst travail — is hope. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of rebirth, the feeling that all will turn out well in the end. For at least one day of the year, the troubles of daily living are forgotten, and we can celebrate the thrill of being alive.

Each of us should try to keep a part of this Christmas spirit with us throughout the year. During the Christmas season, strangers passing on the street act like friends, families draw together, and people put out an extra effort to please. Imagine what we could do with such a spirit all year!

Let us all endeavor then to work a little harder, to do a little more, to smile more often. For all our troubles, we are truly the most fortunate individuals to have ever walked the globe. This, too, is part of the spirit of Christmas.

So, as we head home to celebrate the holidays, let us all take a moment to reflect upon what we each can do. Let us remember those less fortunate than we. Let us endeavor to grow in spirit as we grow in skill, to grow in dedication as we grow in knowledge. And let us, above all, never give up hope.

"It's that time of year  
When the world falls in love  
Ev'ry song you hear seems to say  
'Merry Christmas  
May Your New Year Dreams Come True.'"

## RANKLY SPEAKING ...by phil frank

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